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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH USSR

The Board reviewed the assignments of new doctors & also approved the list of institutes of medicine, stomatology and pharmacy which have been designated as post-graduate schools for young doctors.

In the past year a total of 24,000 new doctors graduated; about 94.5 percent of these have been assigned to various posts. Several Republics, notably Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan, the central regions of the RSFSR, and the more important institutions of the people's economy have many more medical personnel. Medical enterprises in agricultural communities were assigned about 2,500 new doctors. Many medical institutes improved their organization and curriculum and thus were able to afford better instruction to young doctors. The Board commended the work of the directors of the Yaroslavl, Krasnoyarsk, Arkhangel'sk, Izhevsk, Minsk, and First Leningrad Medical Schools.

The Ministries of Public Health from the Ukrainian, Tadzhik, and Karelo-Finnish SSRs, the Yakutsk ASSR, and the Kurgan Oblast Public Health Department were also commended for their fine educational programs.

In 1949 some 27,000 people will graduate from various medical schools. The Board made a list of factors to be considered when making the assignments. One of the major problems is the staffing of medical institutions in various industrial regions and improving the service afforded by regional agricultural centers. In this latter category the Urals and Siberia seem to be suffering most from a lack of competent medical personnel. The Donets and Karaganda coal fields are also in need of doctors.

To expedite the assignment of young medical graduates, the Board requests that directors from various agencies submit by 15 February a list of their requirements.

It is stressed that students graduating from pediatrical, sanitation-hygiene, or pharmaceutical institutions be assigned only within their specialties.

The Board recommended that in making assignments family needs are to be considered and that those who have families be assigned to the region in which they have already settled.

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